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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2001.
2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

1 **Detailed Action**

2 Claims 1-20 are pending in this Office Action.

3 ***Information Disclosure Statement***

4 The information disclosure statement filed 4/16/01, Paper No. 3 has been
5 considered.

6 ***Priority***

7 Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which
8 papers have been placed of record in the file.

9 ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

10 The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that
11 form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

12 A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

13 (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by
14 another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent
15 granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the
16 applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section
17 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States
18 only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2)
19 of such treaty in the English language.
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21 Claims 1,2,19,20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by
22 US Patent 5,933,604 issued to Inakoshi.

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24 As per claim 1, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites, comprising:
25 an address list containing addresses of Web sites(fig.11, element 81); a monitoring
26 section monitoring the state of references to Web sites(col.2,lines 5-9); and an updating

1 section updating the contents of said address list according to the state of references
2 monitored by said monitoring section(col.2,lines 19-25).

3 As per claim 2, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
4 Claim 1, further comprising a connection section accessing to an address contained in
5 said address list in case the address is designated(fig.11).

6 Claim 19 is of the same scope as claim 1. Claim 1 recites an apparatus while
7 claim 19 recites a method, therefore is rejected based on the same rationale (see claim
8 1 rejection).

9 Claim 20 is of the same scope as claim 1. Claim 1 recites an apparatus while
10 claim 20 recites a recording medium, therefore is rejected based on the same rationale
11 (see claim 1 rejection).

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14 ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

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16 The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all
17 obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

18 (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set
19 forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and
20 the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the
21 invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.
22 Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.
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1 Claims 3-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US
2 Patent 5,933,604 issued to Inakoshi in view of US Patent 6,631,496 issued to Li et al.
3 (Li).

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5 Inakoshi teaches all the limitations of claim 1, however does not teach as per
6 claim 3, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to Claim 1,
7 wherein said monitoring section records the frequency of access to the address of each
8 Web site as a content of said state of references, and said updating section adds, to
9 said address list, an address with an access frequency reached to a predetermined
10 threshold value.

11 Li teaches an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
12 Claim 1, wherein said monitoring section records the frequency of access to the
13 address of each Web site as a content of said state of references, and said updating
14 section adds, to said address list, an address with an access frequency reached to a
15 predetermined threshold value(fig 19).

16 Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at
17 the time of the invention to modify the apparatus of Inakoshi, the monitoring system to
18 add wherein said monitoring section records the frequency of access to the address of
19 each Web site as a content of said state of references, and said updating section adds,
20 to said address list, an address with an access frequency reached to a predetermined
21 threshold value as taught by Li, in order to allow a user to build and organize a large
22 collection of bookmarks(col.1,lines 53-55).

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2 As per claim 4, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
3 Claim 1, wherein said monitoring section records the frequency of access to the
4 address of each Web site as a content of said state of references, and said updating
5 section deletes, from said address list, any of the addresses in said address list with an
6 access frequency lower than a predetermined threshold value(Li, col.11,lines 29-34).

7 As per claim 5, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
8 Claim 1, wherein, if the number of times access failure has occurred with respect to one
9 of the addresses contained in said address list becomes equal to a predetermined
10 threshold value, said updating section deletes the address from said address list(Li,
11 fig.19).

12 As per claim 6, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
13 Claim 3, wherein the access frequency with respect to each of the Web sites is updated
14 each time access to the Web site results in success, and wherein, when the access
15 frequency is updated, said updating section makes a determination whether or not the
16 access frequency has reached the predetermined threshold value(Li, fig.19).

17 As per claim 7, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
18 Claim 5, wherein said updating section has a line is connected for reference to the Web
19 sites, and wherein, if no input is supplied over a predetermined time period with respect
20 to reference to any of the Web sites, said updating section tries to access each of the
21 addresses contained in said address list, and deletes the address from said address list

1 if the number of times failure has occurred continuously becomes equal to a
2 predetermined threshold value by failure of said trial(Li, fig.19.).

3 As per claim 8, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
4 Claim 1, further comprising a supply section supplying a user with a setting window to
5 enable the user to set the predetermined threshold value(Li, fig.16 and 19, col. 14, lines
6 30-34).

7 Claims 9, 10, 11 are of the same scope as claim 8, therefore are rejected based
8 on the same rationale(see claim 8 rejection).

9 As per claim 12, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
10 Claim 1, wherein said updating section is activated when an operating system
11 controlling said address management apparatus is activated(Li, col.3,lines 3-5).

12 Claims 13 and 14 are of the same scope as claim 12, therefore are rejected
13 based on the same rationale (see claim 12 rejection).

14 As per claim 15, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
15 Claim 1, wherein the access frequency is the number of occurrences of access in a unit
16 number of days, and said updating section is activated when the date is changed(Li,
17 fig.19).

18 Claims 16 and 17 are of the same scope as claim 15, therefore are rejected
19 based on the same rationale as claim 15(see claim 15 rejection).

20 As per claim 18, an apparatus for managing addresses of Web sites according to
21 Claim 8, wherein said updating section is activated when the setting of the
22 predetermined threshold value is changed by the user (Li, fig.19).

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4 **Conclusion**

5 The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to
6 applicant's disclosure.

7 US Patent 6,100,890 issued to Bates et al., col. 2, lines 5-7,14-17,43-52

8 US Patent 5,978,828 issued to Greer et al.,fig.10

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10 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
11 examiner should be directed to Backhean Tiv whose telephone number is (703) 305-
12 8879. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 A.M.-12 P.M. and 1 -6 P.M.
13 Monday-Friday.

14 If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
15 supervisor, Glenton B Burgess can be reached on (703) 305-4792. The fax phone
16 number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-
17 872-9306.

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